

DISCLAIMER

This electronic version of an SCC order is for informational purposes only and is not an official document of the Commission. An official copy may be obtained from the [Clerk of the Commission, Document Control Center](#).

COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA
STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, SEPTEMBER 13, 2001

APPLICATION OF

AMERADA HESS CORPORATION

CASE NO. PUE010478

For permanent licenses to conduct
business as an electric and natural
gas competitive service provider
and aggregator

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND COMMENT

On August 29, 2001, Amerada Hess Corporation, ("Amerada" or "the Company"), filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") to convert its pilot licenses, License Nos. PG-7, PE-9, and PA-5, to permanent licenses to provide competitive electric and natural gas service and aggregation services to commercial and industrial retail customers. Amerada stated in its August 29, 2001, application that it wishes to continue to be licensed for the same LDC service territories, and customer classes that are licensed under the pilot programs. Further, the Company attested that it would abide by all applicable regulations of the Commission as required by 20 VAC 5-312-40.

On September 7, 2000, Amerada filed an application for licenses to conduct business in electric and natural gas retail access pilot programs. This application sought authority to provide competitive electric, natural gas, and aggregation

services to commercial and industrial customers participating in the retail access pilot programs of Washington Gas Light Company ("WGL"), Columbia Gas of Virginia, Inc. ("CGV"), Virginia Electric and Power Company ("Virginia Power"), Appalachian Power Company d/b/a American Electric Power ("AEP-VA"), and Rappahannock Electric Cooperative ("REC").

After providing notice and opportunity for hearing, and receiving no comments from the public, and after considering its Staff's Report and the Company's response thereto, the Commission issued an Order on October 18, 2000, that, among other things, granted the Company License No. PE-9, to provide competitive electric service to commercial and industrial customers in conjunction with the retail access pilot programs of Virginia Power, AEP-VA, and REC; License No. PG-7 to provide competitive natural gas service to commercial and industrial retail customers in conjunction with the retail access pilot programs of CGV and WGL; and License No. PA-5 to provide aggregation services to commercial and industrial customers in conjunction with the retail access pilot programs of WGL, CGV, Virginia Power, AEP-VA, and REC.

On June 19, 2001, the Commission entered its Final Order in Case No. PUE010013, adopting its Rules Governing Retail Access to Competitive Energy Services ("Retail Access Rules"), 20 VAC

5-312-10, et seq.¹ Page 6 of this Order provided that each competitive service provider who wished to convert its pilot license to a permanent license to participate in retail access must submit a request to do so in writing to the Commission on or before August 31, 2001. We directed that: (i) each such request must include an attestation that the information provided and updated in its application for a pilot license is true and correct, (ii) the Company must attest that it will abide by all applicable regulations of the Commission, as required by 20 VAC 5-312-40 B, and (iii) the Company must include any changes to information previously provided to the Commission, as required by 20 VAC 5-312-20 R.

NOW UPON CONSIDERATION of Amerada's application to convert its present licenses to permanent licenses, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that Amerada's application should be docketed; that this Order should be served upon appropriate persons; and that these persons should have an opportunity to comment on Amerada's application.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This application shall be docketed and assigned Case No. PUE010478.

¹ Commonwealth of Virginia, At the relation of the State Corporation Commission, Ex Parte: In the matter of establishing rules for retail access, Case No. PUE010013, Document Control Center No. 01063011, Final Order (June 19, 2001).

(2) A copy of the application and supporting documents shall be made available for public inspection in the Commission's Document Control Center, located on the first floor of the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia, during the Commission's regular hours of operation, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

(3) On or before September 19, 2001, Amerada shall serve a copy of this Order upon each utility listed on Attachment A to this Order.

(4) Any interested person may request a copy of the application, accompanying materials, and this Order by directing a request in writing to the Company, attention of Mary Elizabeth Tighe, Regulatory Affairs, Amerada Hess Corporation, 2800 Eisenhower Avenue, Third Floor, Alexandria, Virginia 22314. The Company shall, within three (3) days of receipt of the request, serve the requested documents upon the person making such request.

(5) An original and fifteen (15) copies of any comments on the application shall be filed on or before September 28, 2001, with Joel H. Peck, Clerk, State Corporation Commission, c/o Document Control Center, P. O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218-2118. Comments must refer to Case No. PUE010478. A copy of such comments must also be served on or before September 28,

2001, by first-class mail, or hand-delivered, to the Company, attention of Mary Elizabeth Tighe, Regulatory Affairs, Amerada Hess Corporation, 2800 Eisenhower Avenue, Third Floor, Alexandria, Virginia 22314.

(6) On or before October 5, 2001, the Company and the Staff of the Commission may each file with the Clerk of the Commission an original and fifteen (15) copies of any response they may have to any comments that have been filed and the captioned application, and shall serve a copy of such response on the Company and Staff, as appropriate, as well as upon any person submitting comments.

(7) The Company shall respond to written interrogatories or data requests within five (5) calendar days after the receipt of the same. Interrogatories and data requests, as well as the responses thereto, shall be transmitted via facsimile as well as by first-class mail. Except as modified herein, discovery shall be in accordance with Part IV of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 5 VAC 5-20-10, et seq.

(8) This matter shall be continued generally.